

REMARKS

Claims 1, 24-29, 35, 36, 39-42, 44-51, 57, 58, 61-65, 70, 71, 73, and 85-87 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 35, 36, 39-42, 57, 58, 61-65, 70, 71, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 24-29, 44-51, and 85-87 are allowed in the Application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 35, and 57. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 24-29, 35, 36, 39-42, 44-51, 57, 58, 61-65, 70, 71, 73, and 85-87 remain pending.

Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 35, 36, 39-42, 57, 58, 61-65, 70, 71, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In reply, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the language “the non-linear nanotubes of the first and second fastening elements each” as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 35 and 57 are also amended to incorporate the language “each nanotube with a means for fastening” as suggested by the Examiner. The remaining rejected claims depend from amended claims 1, 35, and 57. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants believe that the pending claims 1, 24-29, 35, 36, 39-42, 44-51, 57, 58, 61-65, 70, 71, 73, and 85-87 are in a state of allowability and respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Applicants' representative if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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